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Fact Sheet

Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 302

Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 302 is one in a series of CPGs providing planning considerations for a variety of hazards, security and emergency functions. CPG 302 provides general guidelines for developing a State, Territorial, Tribal, and Local government Household Pets and Service Animals Plan (HPSAP). CPG 302 was developed as a result of lessons learned gleaned from response operations during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Prior to the landfall of Katrina, evacuees would not leave their residences because first responders would not allow their pets to evacuate with them. This endangered the lives of the owners and their pets, and became the catalyst for the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act was enacted by Congress in 2006. This legislation was designed to ensure governments plan for the evacuation, rescue, sheltering, and essential needs of household pets and service animals in the wake of a disaster.

CPG 302 is designed to enable jurisdictions to comply with the PETS Act. It promotes a common understanding of planning fundamentals to help emergency planners produce integrated, coordinated, and synchronized HPSAPs and procedures. Additionally the document provides recommendations on developing HPSAPs guided by a jurisdiction's existing plans and capabilities. Capability is measured in terms of planning, organization, training, equipment, and exercises. Plans must reflect how a jurisdiction will provide care to household pets and service animals, including the identification of resources it has or can readily obtain through existing mutual aid agreements (MAAs).

CPG 302 was produced by a team of more than 30 State and local emergency preparedness managers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Humane Society of the United States, American Humane Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation and many other State and local agencies and non-profit organizations.

Content

This document is designed to help both novice and experienced planners navigate the planning process associated with developing Household Pets and Service Animals Plans. Chapter 1 addresses the applicability, authority, purpose, and scope of this CPG. It also discusses the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Chapter 2 outlines household pet and service animal planning principles and the steps of the planning process. It discusses how to produce a HPSAP and how to integrate the plan with cross-sector preparedness plans. It also addresses transportation support, shelter operations, veterinary care, search and rescue, and emergency feeding considerations. Chapter 3 provides guidance for structuring a HPSAP. The appendices include:

- Checklists to help guide plan development.
- A bibliography of planning resources, templates, and planning assistance.
- A glossary of terms and a list of acronyms used throughout the guide.

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